

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

CHESTER SENIOR HIGH

Chester

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 946

Principal: Leonard J. Gardner

Superintendent: Dr. Thomas Graves

Board Chair: Dr. Richard Hughes

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	5	20	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 09/29/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	68.1%	79.8%	72.8%	73.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	18.1%	8.3%	14.4%	14.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	13.8%	11.8%	12.9%	12.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.9%	88.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

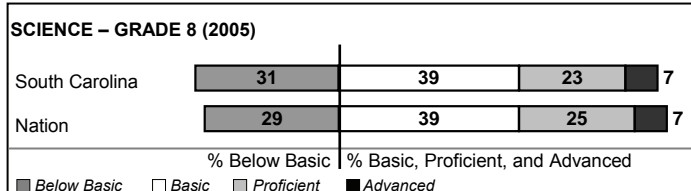
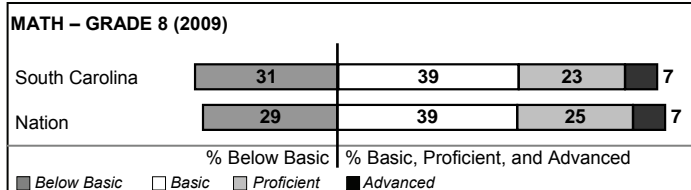
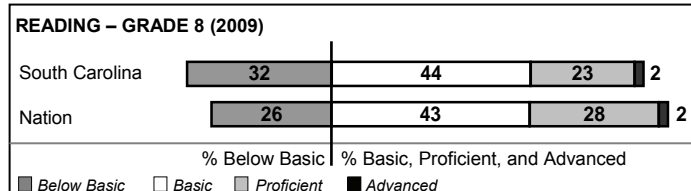
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	253	223
Number of Diplomas	173	155
Rate (%)	68.4%	71.5%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	77.7	68.0
English 1	50.4	59.9
Physical Science	49.0	47.7
US History and the Constitution	43.6	36.3
All Tests	54.9	52.8

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=946)				
Retention rate	9.0%	Up from 6.4%	3.7%	3.7%
Attendance rate	91.2%	Down from 93.2%	95.2%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	14.5%	Up from 8.9%	13.2%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.6%	Up from 9.2%	14.2%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	16.0%	Up from 14.5%	9.5%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	7.2%	Up from 5.0%	1.6%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.7%	Down from 8.8%	8.0%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	38.3%	Up from 32.6%	38.5%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.7%	Down from 30.0%	29.7%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	5.9%	Down from 6.0%	3.7%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.0%	No Change	7.6%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	114	Down from 731	375	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	74.7%	Up from 74.2%	77.4%	78.7%
Teachers (n=51)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.1%	Down from 48.2%	59.6%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	76.5%	Up from 57.1%	73.5%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.1%	Down from 16.0%	9.9%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	77.9%	Down from 79.7%	84.8%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.2%	95.2%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,634	Down 3.3%	\$46,155	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.6%	Up from 0.8%	2.6%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	10.1 days	Down from 11.0 days	9.5 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.5	Up from 2.5	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.1 to 1	Down from 27.5 to 1	25.1 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.2%	Down from 86.5%	89.2%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,640	Down 0.4%	\$8,370	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.5%	Up from 51.4%	54.1%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	53.8%	Up from 53.4%	58.5%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	94.4%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	64.7%	No Change	64.7%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	183	86
Percent satisfied with learning environment	85.0%	56.6%	67.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	82.5%	66.1%	56.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	52.5%	76.4%	64.3%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2009-2010 school year was exciting and challenging for Chester High School. Our students performed well academically and athletically, representing our school in numerous sporting events, while being awarded millions of dollars in scholarships. Chester High School students have become respected ambassadors for our school and community.

A major challenge for our school this year has been doing more with less in the face of budget cuts. The administration, along with the District Office, has attempted to limit the impact on classroom instruction while also meeting the financial demands that face our school district.

Chester High continues to lead in contributions to charities and other service organizations despite the difficult economic times. We were once again a "Heroes School" for the Red Cross, and students contributed over \$1700 to Pennies for Patients. Teachers and students also participated in Relay for Life.

The School Improvement Council remained active in planning and supporting improvements at our school. The council finalized plans for a new and much-needed renovation to the courtyard area. The SIC also participated in the development of the new traffic pattern system, thereby improving student safety.

In 2009-2010, Chester High School rose to the challenge and continued to provide high quality graduates for the future of our community, state, and nation.

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Chris Johnson, SIC Chair

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